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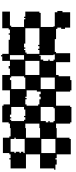
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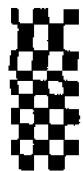
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Dear Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

As fulltime college professor of Telecommunication for more than 30 years, I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I need to utilize television programming in my classes, under the present guidelines of "fair use."

The broadcast flag is not in my students' interest, in my interest as a media professional, nor in the public's interest. It will prevent me from watching digital broadcast television in the ways I currently enjoy analog broadcast television—for example, it will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place.


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Dear Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

I'm writing to urge the FCC to vote no on the "broadcast flag "

As a teacher, I am very concerned about this upcoming vote. I feel that it is imperative for teachers to be able to show recently-recorded programs or parts of programs in their classrooms for discussion and analysis. This practice allows students to see current events documentaries they might not otherwise have the opportunity to see, and it enables them to be exposed to a range of ideas that are not generally available in their textbooks. It also promotes critical thinking and language skills, which are highly valued. Furthermore, students might learn about new TV programs that they could then watch at home, thus leading toward a "brand loyalty" which I presume would be desirable for the networks and cable channels. The practice of recording and showing TV programs is standard in classrooms throughout the country, and it's legal under the Fair Use Doctrine.

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Dear Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy

I am an educator at a public state university and my teaching focuses on the media representations of gender, race and politics. The "broadcast flag" proposed will spell an end to that education for thousands of students across this country in how to become an enlightened citizen and consumer in our society. This act will benefit the corporations and will hurt the public in very direct and destructive ways. I would remind you that the networks have access to the public airwaves on the understanding that they serve the public interest. To ignore the public need to become more media literate is to undermine the strength of a democracy. I urge the Federal Communications Commission to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." I am outraged that the FCC would consider a regulation would restrict the way I educate with and enjoy television.

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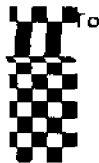
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